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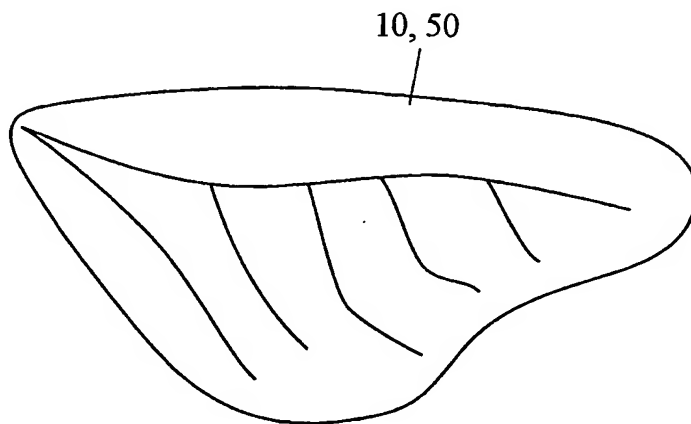
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(54) Title: BUTTERFLY WING LAMINATION PROCESS AND METHOD OF USE



(57) Abstract: A multi-layer lamination process for butterfly wings to facilitate their use in jewelry, accessories, gift items, crafts, etc. The process steps include (1) the mixing of a liquid epoxy resin, (2) application of a layer of the liquid epoxy resin to a sheet of Mylar[®] (3) affixing a butterfly wing to the liquid epoxy resin/Mylar[®] sheet combination, (4) allowing the layer of liquid epoxy resin to dry, (5) applying a layer of fixative to the exposed side of the butterfly wing, (6) allowing the layer of fixative to dry, (7) applying a first layer of clear lacquer/resin over the fixative, (8) allowing the first layer of lacquer/resin to dry, (9) cutting along the outer perimeter of the butterfly wing to separate the wing

from the remainder of the Mylar[®] sheet, (10) smoothing the edges of the cut-out butterfly wing, (11) the application of a second layer of clear lacquer/resin over the first layer, (12) allowing the second layer of lacquer/resin to dry, (13) applying a third layer of clear lacquer/resin over the second layer, and (14) allowing the third layer of lacquer/resin to dry. In addition, a hole may be drilled through one end of the laminated butterfly wing, and a bail affixed to the hole for jewelry design. The process results in a multi-layered lamination that strengthens and preserves the wing's naturally occurring colors and patterns.

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